

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 15 and 18-21 are under examination in the application. Claim 9-14 and 22-31 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 3, 4, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 21 have been amended to remove limitations directed to germicidal lamps and pylons. No new matter has been added by way of amendment. The specification has been amended to correct the priority claim and to correct paragraph 2 as required by the Office action.

In the Office action the drawings were found objectionable as lacking an illustration of the previously claimed germicidal lamp. The claims have now been amended to remove limitations drawn to the germicidal lamp, therefore the objection is now moot.

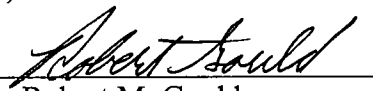
Paragraph 2 of the specification was corrected as required by the Office action in Paragraph 2. Paragraph 3 of the Office action objected to claim 28 which has now been canceled.

Claims 1-14 and 22-27 stand rejected as obvious over U.S. Patent 6,350,417 to *Lau* in view of either U.S. Patent 5,993,738 (*Goswani*); 6,149,717 (*Satyapal*); or 6,911,186 (*Taylor*). Applicant has corrected the priority claims in the application such that priority is now claimed to the cited *Lau* and *Taylor* patents thereby removing them as references. It is believed that the *Goswani* and *Satayapal* devices are excluded by the present claims.

Claims 15-21 and 28-31 stand rejected as obvious over the prior art applied to claims 1-14 and 22-27, as discussed above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0233935 to *Reeves*. The new priority claim also includes a priority claim to *Reeves* thereby removing *Reeves* as a reference.

Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and kindly requests early and favorable action on the merits. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned should the Examiner identify any issues that can be addressed over the telephone.

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